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Demographic & Economic Information for

Judith Basin County



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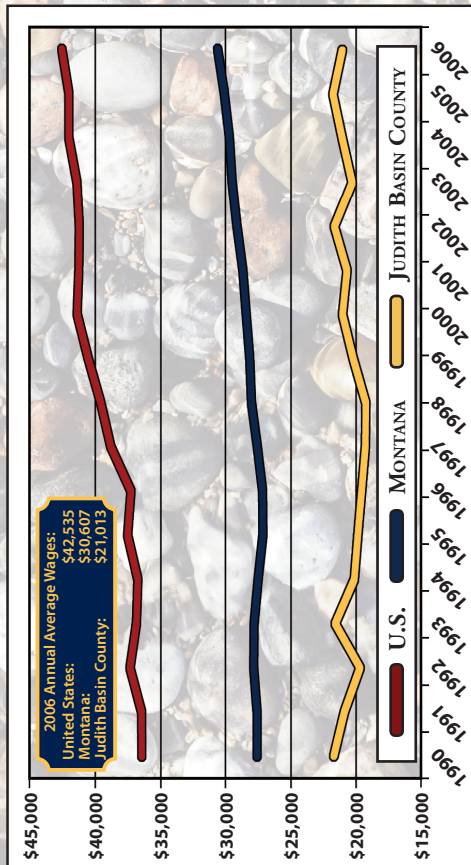
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Annual Average Labor Force - Judith Basin County

| Year | Civilian Labor Force | Employed | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|------|----------------------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| 2006 | 1,059 | 1,026 | 33 | 3.1% |
| 2005 | 1,063 | 1,018 | 45 | 4.2% |
| 2004 | 1,094 | 1,051 | 43 | 3.9% |
| 2003 | 1,086 | 1,041 | 45 | 4.1% |
| 2002 | 1,072 | 1,019 | 53 | 4.9% |
| 2001 | 1,166 | 1,119 | 47 | 4.0% |
| 2000 | 1,183 | 1,129 | 54 | 4.6% |

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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Judith Basin County is Montana's forty-third most populous county, with an estimated 2,142 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Stanford, the county seat, is the state's eighty-eighth largest town, with a population estimated at 417 in 2006.¹ Other cities and towns in Judith Basin County include Geyser, Hobson, Moccasin, Raynesford, and Utica.

Judith Basin County is located in central Montana southeast of Great Falls. The Lewis & Clark National Forest makes up much of the county's southwest region, and provides visitors with outdoor recreation opportunities. The Judith River Wildlife Management Area, located at the edge of the Little Belt Mountains, has a reputation as a great place to view large elk herds in the late fall and winter.²

¹U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

²www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=1&city=stanford

³www.ecanned.com/MT/Judith_Basin_County.shtml

Resources for Judith Basin County

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Lewistown Job Service Workforce Center
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Lewistown, MT 59457
Phone: (406) 265-5847
Fax: (406) 538-7249
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Great Falls Job Service Workforce Center
1018 7th Street S., Great Falls, MT 59405
Phone: (406) 791-5800
Fax: (406) 791-5889
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Newspaper

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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

| Industry | Number of Establishments | Average Annual Employment | Annual Wages Per Job |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING | 3 | * | * |
| Truck transportation | 2 | * | * |
| Support activities for transportation | 1 | * | * |
| FINANCE AND INSURANCE | 1 | * | * |
| REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING | 1 | * | * |
| PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES | 2 | * | * |
| HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE | 5 | 22 | \$7,942 |
| Ambulatory health care services | 1 | * | * |
| Social assistance | 4 | * | * |
| ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION | 1 | * | * |
| ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES | 9 | 39 | \$10,068 |
| Accommodation | 1 | * | * |
| Food services and drinking places | 8 | * | * |
| OTHER SERVICES | 3 | * | * |
| Repair and maintenance | 1 | * | * |
| Private households | 2 | * | * |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT | 21 | 201 | \$24,015 |
| Local Government | 8 | 154 | \$20,053 |
| State Government | 5 | 11 | \$37,068 |
| Federal Government | 8 | 36 | \$37,014 |

The QCIEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

| Industry | Number of Establishments | Average Annual Employment | Annual Wages Per Job |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES | 76 | 410 | \$21,022 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 55 | 209 | \$18,132 |
| AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING | 8 | 53 | \$22,207 |
| Animal production | 7 | * | * |
| Agriculture & forestry support | 1 | * | * |
| MINING | 1 | * | * |
| UTILITIES | 2 | * | * |
| CONSTRUCTION | 6 | 9 | \$19,928 |
| Construction of buildings | 2 | * | * |
| Heavy and civil engineering construction | 3 | 7 | \$21,753 |
| Specialty trade contractors | 1 | * | * |
| MANUFACTURING | 1 | * | * |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 8 | 20 | \$15,646 |
| Merchant wholesalers, durable goods | 1 | * | * |
| Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods | 4 | 14 | \$15,143 |
| Electronic markets & agents and brokers | 3 | * | * |
| RETAIL TRADE | 5 | 16 | \$8,923 |
| Building material & garden supply stores | 1 | * | * |
| Food and beverage stores | 2 | * | * |
| Gasoline stations | 1 | * | * |
| General merchandise stores | 1 | * | * |

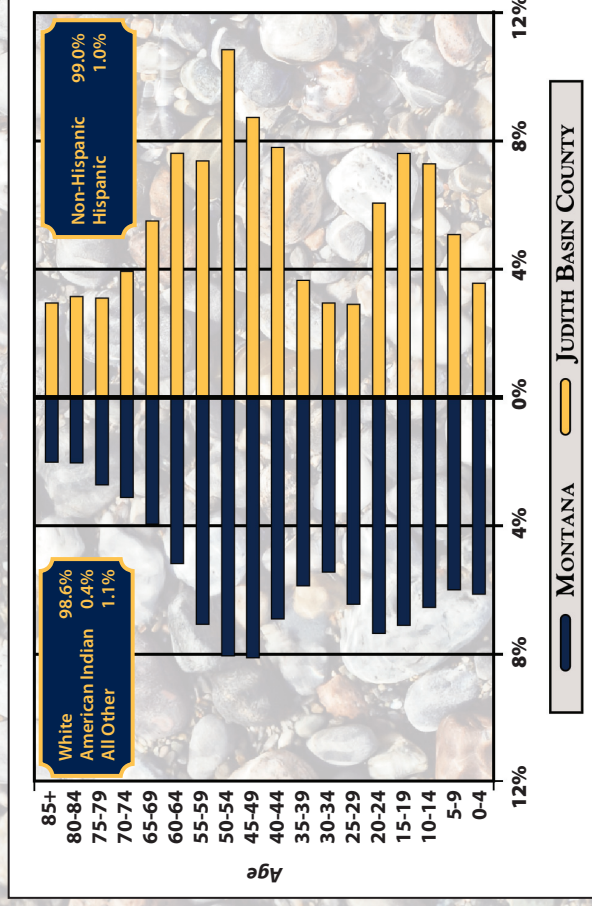
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
* Data Not Disclosable

Population for Judith Basin County & Related Areas

| Geography | % Change 2000-2006 | Population Estimates | | | | | | | Census |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | July 1, 2006 | July 1, 2005 | July 1, 2004 | July 1, 2003 | July 1, 2002 | July 1, 2001 | July 1, 2000 | April 1, 2000 |
| Judith Basin County | -8.0% | 2,142 | 2,170 | 2,204 | 2,194 | 2,256 | 2,258 | 2,336 | 2,329 |
| Hobson city | -7.8% | 225 | 228 | 231 | 230 | 237 | 237 | 245 | 244 |
| Stanford town | -8.1% | 417 | 422 | 429 | 427 | 439 | 440 | 455 | 454 |
| Balance of Judith Basin County | -8.0% | 1,500 | 1,520 | 1,544 | 1,537 | 1,580 | 1,581 | 1,636 | 1,631 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Judith Basin County, 2006



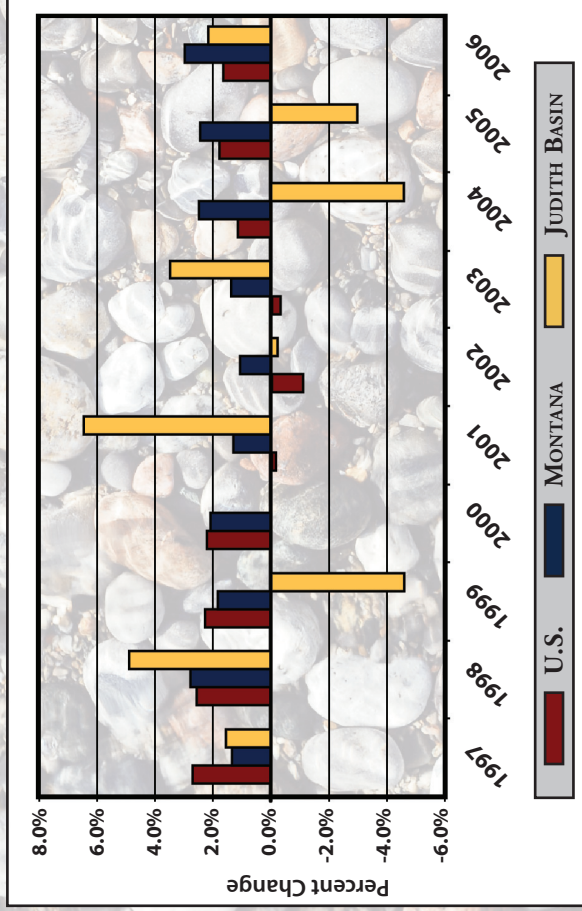
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

| Educational Attainment | Judith Basin County | Montana | U.S. |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|-------|
| Less than High School Diploma | 12.4% | 12.8% | 19.6% |
| High School Diploma (or equivalent) | 30.4% | 31.3% | 28.6% |
| Some College | 28.2% | 25.6% | 21.0% |
| Associate Degree | 5.5% | 5.9% | 6.3% |
| Bachelor's Degree | 19.1% | 17.2% | 15.5% |
| Master's Degree | 3.2% | 4.6% | 5.9% |
| Professional Degree | 1.3% | 1.7% | 2.0% |
| Doctoral Degree | 0.0% | 0.9% | 1.0% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Judith Basin County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top Five Private Employers in Judith Basin County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

| Business Name | Size Class |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Basin Angus Ranch | 3 |
| Basin State Bank | 4 |
| Spika Welding & Manufacturing | 3 |
| Stevenson Angus Ranch | 3 |
| Stevenson Diamond Dot, Inc. | 3 |

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW). This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Judith Basin County

| Farms | |
|--|---------|
| Farms: (number) | 316 |
| Land in farms (acres) | 829,846 |
| Average size of farms (acres) | 2,626 |
| Farms by size: (number) | |
| Less than 1,000 acres | 118 |
| 1,000 acres or more | 198 |
| Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number) | |
| Less than \$100,000 | 212 |
| \$100,000 or more | 104 |
| Farms by type of organization: (number) | |
| Family, Individual, Partnership | 277 |
| Corporation, Cooperative, Trust | 39 |
| Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested | |

| | |
|--|--------|
| Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number) | |
| Cattle and calves | 51,499 |
| Hogs and pigs | 632 |
| Sheep and lambs | 7,448 |
| Horses and ponies | 977 |
| Bison | (D) |
| Chickens (layers and broilers) | (D) |
| Crops Harvested (acres) | |
| Corn for grain | 0 |
| Corn for silage or greenchop | 0 |
| Wheat for grain, All | 64,321 |
| Winter wheat for grain | 39,675 |
| Durum wheat for grain | 738 |
| Spring wheat for grain | 23,908 |
| Barley for grain | 24,209 |
| Oats for grain | 856 |
| Sunflower seed, All | 232 |
| Soybeans for beans | 0 |
| Hay, hayslage, grass silage | 90,382 |

| Operator Demographics | |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Primary occupation: (number) | |
| Farming | 246 |
| Other | 70 |
| Place of residence: (number) | |
| On farm operated | 260 |
| Not on farm operated | 56 |
| Years on present farm: (number) | |
| Less than 10 years | 60 |
| 10 years or more | 256 |
| Age group: (number) | |
| Under 55 years | 180 |
| 55 years and over | 136 |
| Average age of operators: (number) | 54.4 |

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
(D) - Not Disclosable